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Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, “The two are united into one.” But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

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1 Corinthians 6:13-20 (NLT)

A Christian ethic of my body:

- My body is a _____ . (v13)
- My body is connected _____ . (v15)
- My body is the home of the _____ . (v19)
- My body is a _____ . (v 20)

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- Sex is a matter of _____ . (v 16)
- Sex is a _____ . (v 18)
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1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (VOICE)

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

Colossians 1:21-22 (NLT)

Discussion Questions

1. "Sex is a gift from God to be enjoyed and explored within the context of a marriage." How does that statement strike you?
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